Beating of workers from Bihar on Jansewa Express

†3011. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instance involving beating of the workers from Bihar on board Jansewa Express near Gonda (UP) by RPF personnel and some other employees has come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether the railway administration has conducted any inquiry into the incident; and

(c) the information available with Government in this regard and action taken by it, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir. However, an incident of beating of workers from Bihar by 04 Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel was reported on 18-4-2006 near Gonda Railway Station in Train No. 5210 (Janseva Express).

(b) Yes, Sir. On receipt of complaints, an enquiry was conducted by the Divisional Railway Manager/Lucknow, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner/Lucknow and Divisional commercial Manager/Lucknow of N.E. Railway. During the course of enquiry, statements of victim passengers were obtained and found that GRP personnel misbehaved and threatened the passengers and also ascertained that this was not a case of beating but also extortion/snatching of money from them. The incident was also brought to the notice of the Additional Director General of Police, Railways, Lucknow/Uttar Pradesh by the North Eastern Railway's Administration in a coordination meeting at Lucknow on 27-4-2006.

(c) As per information available, the defaulting GRP (Government Railway Police) Constables have been placed under suspension and the Inspector-in-Charge/GRP/Gonda has been transferred in this regard. In this connection an FIR was lodged and consequently a case on crime No. 37/06 under section 307, 353, 332, 504, 506, 224, 384 IPC (Indian Penal Code) and 7/13 Prevention of Corruption Act dated 19-4-2006 has been registered against 04 GRP Constables at Government Railway Police Station, Gonda.

Action has also been initiated against the GRP Constables under section 82 & 83 of Code of Criminal Procedure.

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